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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 677
By Kyle

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Lingyun Xiong, 2002
Salutatorian of White Station High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and tireless commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Lingyun Xiong is one such exceptional student who was recently named Salutatorian of the 2002 graduating class at White Station High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and unwavering commitment of time and talent, Lingyun has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our Nation; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, she has earned an exemplary 5.304 grade point average; and

WHEREAS, during her four years at White Station High School, Ms. Xiong has been a valuable and active member of many programs and clubs, including participating in the National

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Beta Club, Mu Alpha Theta, Facing History and Ourselves Student Group, International Fair and International Week, American Regions Math League, HTML, and the Latin Club; and

WHEREAS, Lingyun Xiong has displayed tremendous musical ability as a talented piano and celesta player; she has performed with the Memphis Youth Symphony, the orchestra for *Guys and Dolls*, and the All-West Tennessee Band, as well as participated in the Tennessee Governor's School for the Arts, where she was one of eight musicians, out of one hundred thirty-eight participants, selected to perform at the Honors Recital; and

WHEREAS, an accomplished pianist, Lingyun has received the rating of Superior, the highest possible rating, from the Greater Memphis Music Teachers Association, and Excellent from the Beethoven Club Competition, and was selected as the White Station High Talent Show Winner and the Talent Winner for Queen of Clubs; and

WHEREAS, her extraordinary work ethic and commitment to learning has earned her numerous awards and honors, including National Merit Finalist; Bausch and Lomb Honorary Science Award; 1st place in Chemistry Lab, 1st place in Physics Lab, and 2nd place in Reach for the Stars at the 2001 State Science Olympiad; Gold Medal in the National Latin Exam; membership in the National Honor Society; 1st place in Individual and 2nd place in Bowl at the Science Bowl Competition at the University of Tennessee Martin; and a Perfect Score on the Atlantic-Pacific Mathematics League Competitions; and

WHEREAS, a conscientious member of her community, Ms. Xiong has generously volunteered at St. Jude Children's Hospital, the Democratic Headquarters, the Poplar-White Station Public Library, and the Japanese Botanic Gardens; she has also served as a member of her school's International Fair Steering Committee and as a member of Young Memphis Scholars; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her academic responsibilities, Lingyun Xiong has served with distinction as a part-time Student Assistant for Dr. Harry Jarrett, who is the Professor of Biochemistry for the Department of Molecular Sciences at the University of Tennessee's Health Services Center in Memphis; and

WHEREAS, Lingyun's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition at White Station High School surely bodes well for her future success; and

WHEREAS, her noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Xiaoping and Ying Fu Xiong, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Xiong's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby commend and honor 2002 White Station High School Salutatorian, Lingyun Xiong, on her impressive academic and musical achievements, and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.